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31 TITLE: SUBSTANTIALLY NEUTRALLY BUOYANT AND POSITIVELY
32 BUOYANT ELECTRICALLY HEATED FLOWLINES FOR PRODUCTION
33 OF SUBSEA HYDROCARBONS

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9 Dear Sir:

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11 This is in response to the Office Action mailed on
12 9/8/2006.

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14 Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under
15 37 CFR 1.136(a) to grant a one-month extension of time for
16 the response to the Office Action mailed 9/8/2006.
17 Accordingly, with the one month extension, the Response
18 to the Office Action dated 9/8/2006 may be made up until
19 1/8/2007. Thank you.

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